THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The policy of the Government is to bring down Government's equity in all non-strategic PSUs to 26 per cent or lower. The fertilizer cooperatives do not come under the category of Central PSUs.

Profit/losses of public sector fertilizer units

2805. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the accumulated losses, as on date, of the nine public sector fertilizer units under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) the details of profit/losses of these nine companies, during the last three financial years, company-wise;

(c) the details of financial support given by the Ministry to these companies during the same period; and

(d) the reasons for incurring heavy losses, despite financial assistance to these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The information is given as under:—

(Rs. in Crore)

PSU	Accumulated loss**	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02 (RE)		Reasons for losses
		Profit/ Loss	Plan/ Non-Plan Support	Profit/ Loss	Plan/ Non-Plan Support	Profit/ Loss	Plan/ Non-Plan Support	
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited	6725.88	−564.23	187.19	−767.72	175.70	−803.28	299.33	Technological, design and equipment deficiencies, frequent equipment breakdowns, increase in the cost of petroleum products, power shortages, industrial relations problems and surplus manpower and resource constraints.
Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited	7921.00	−856.68	153.00	−951.36	163.00	−1068.35	150.00	Same as above.
Projects & Development India Limited	166.84	−19.88	4.00	−32.66	14.16	−35.92	23.00	Unviable operations of Catalyst Division and Engineering & Consultancy Division at Sindri along with non-commercial nature of R&D Division at Sindri.

(Rs. in crore)

Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Limited	444.98	−70.18	25.00	−108.30	28.28	−91.18	28.00	Withdrawal of the imports substitution incentives, intrinsic cost disadvantage of pyrites based sulphuric acid production, increase in operating costs of pyrites mining at Amjhore, increased costs of deep underground mining at Dehradun as well as increased transportation costs to far-flung marketing zones.
Paradeep Phosphates Limited	431.50 (Prov.) as on 31.3.2001	23.96	10.00	141.03 (Prov.)	12.49	Disinvested *w.e.f.* 28.2.2002	3.16	Depreciation of rupee leading to higher cost of inputs, heavy interest burden, inadequate working capital due to continuous cash losses, delay in disbursement of concession, low capacity utilisation of acid plants leading to higher imports of phosphoric acid, and inventory carrying cost on heavy build up of stocks. After disinvestment of 76% Government's equity on 28.2.2002, PPL ceases to be a PSU.

**As on 31.3.2002 (Provisional)

(Rs./crore)

PSU	Accumulated loss**	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02 (RE)		Reasons for losses
		Profit/ Loss	Plan/ Non-Plan Support	Profit/ Loss	Plan/ Non-Plan Support	Profit/ Loss	Plan/ Non-Plan Support	
Madras Fertilizers Limited	239.07	24.98	20.00	−29.76	20.24	−155.00	21.00	Lower production due to extended shutdown of plants for revamp hook-up and longer period of stabilisation, under recovery in respect of complex fertilizer due to increase in prices of inputs and depreciation of the rupee, reduction in adhoc concession on DAP and complex fertilizers.
Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited	123.49	−39.80	35.00	−152.00	40.00	0.41*	25.00	High cost of production of new 900 TPD ammonia plant as compared to imported ammonia mainly due to high interest and loan repayment liabilities, increase in the cost of petroleum products.
Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited	—	105.64	—	35.08	—	64.97	—	Profit making PSU
National Fertilizers Limited	—	41.15	—	34.89	—	27.31	—	Profit making PSU

*After considering the financial relief of Rs. 226.88 crore.
**As on 31-3-2002 (Provisional)